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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO AND THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: STATE 115833

1. ON MAY 12, AUSTRALIAN MISOFF FORRESTER INFORMED US OF A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL AND AUSTRALIAN PERMREP HARRY. JAIPAL BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24 SEEKING HARRY'S ADVICE AS TO HOW THE PROBLEM COULD BE MOST CONSTRUCTIVELY RESOLVED.

2. FORRESTER SAID THAT AMB HARRY WISHES TO BRING UP THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WITH OTHER COMMITTEE OF 24 PERMREPS SOON TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE.

3. FORRESTER ALSO SAID THAT THE NEW AUSTRALIAN AMB IN WASHINGTON IS EAGER TO VISIT PUERTO RICO AND WILL DO SO WHEN FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, POSSIBLY NOT UNTIL 1977. FORRESTER PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED.

4. MISOFF INFORMED FORRESTER THAT WE WOULD BE MAKING DEMARCHES ON PUERTO RICO IN CAPITALS OF COMMITTEE OF 24 MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED IN CONTEXT OF
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OTHER ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US AT THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING--

BUT THAT SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24
WOULD BE AVOIDED.
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